

Local Work Group development of local EQIP

Pennington Soil and Water Conservation District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Soil Erosion	Animal Waste
Water Quality	Ag Sustainability
Riparian Corridors	Flooding

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

N/A

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Soil Erosion Control in Pennington County

Applications addressing Water Quality

Applications dealing with Animal Waste

Applications that fall within Riparian Corridors

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

1. Soil Erosion – Will the application install practices that reduce soil erosion? 8 points

2. Soil Erosion – Will the application install structural practices to control ephemeral or gully erosion? 8 points

3. Water Quality – Will the application install practices that address water quality concerns? 8 points

4. Water Quality – Will the application install practices less than 100 feet from receiving waters? 8 points

5. Non-Point Source Pollution – Will the application address a feedlot runoff problem? 8 points

6. Habitat Conservation – Will the application install a windbreak or shelterbelt? 8 points

7. Habitat Conservation – Will the application provide food for wildlife outside normal cropping season? 8 points

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

6. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

Field borders will be installed only along drainages and limited to a 50' wide width unless needed for organic separation from conventional operations.

7. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group	Date
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Roster of Participation:

Greg Hilgeman	Pennington SWCD Board Member and Beef Producer
Charles Naplin	Pennington County Commissioner
Myron Jesme	Red Lake Watershed District Administrator
Kenneth Asp	Crop Producer
Kathy Fillmore	NRCS District Conservationist
Bryan Malone	Pennington SWCD District Manager
Myrna Erickson	Minnesota Extension Committee
Rachelle Winter	Pennington SWCD Water Plan Coordinator
Gary Bennett	MN DNR – Area Hydrologist

Invited, but absent:

Tom Wold	Township Association and Crop Producer
Linda Hanson	Pennington SWCD Board Member and Dairy Producer
Donald Barron	Pennington County Water Resources Advisory Committee
Doug Franke	MN DNR – Area Wildlife Manager
Howard Person	Minnesota Extension Service
Terry Blacklance	City of Thief River Falls
Joel Rhode	Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
Lynette Derouin	City of St. Hilaire
John Nelson	Pennington County FSA CED
Dale Nelson	Red Lake Watershed District Manager and ag producer